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DEVICE



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	D. Patterson, "A Case for Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks (RAID), Computer Science Division, 1988, pp. 109-116.

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